

## NOAA INTERNAL JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-COMPETITIVE REASSIGNMENT

**Open Period:** May 23 to June 01, 2016

**Title, Series, Band/Grade:** Fish Biologist GS-0482-12

**Duty Station:** West Palm Beach, FL or Charleston, SC

**Who May Apply/Area of Consideration:** Current NOAA employees at the GS-12 grade level.

**Relocation:** Relocation expenses **will not** be considered.

**Security Level:** Low Risk

**Background:** An opportunity is available to join the NMFS Southeast Regional Office, Habitat Conservation Division. The division supports our Nation's fisheries by protecting, conserving, and enhancing habitats used by managed species and necessary for sustaining healthy fisheries.

**Duties:** The incumbent will review proposals for coastal construction, conservation, and restoration projects within Florida (West Palm Beach position) or South Carolina/Georgia (Charleston position) to determine their effects on public trust resources, especially coastal ecosystems, essential fish habitat, and protected species and recommend alternatives consistent with NMFS guidelines and procedures. In conducting these reviews, the incumbent will represent the Southeast Regional Office at interagency meetings and serve as a liaison between the Southeast Regional Office, federal agencies (such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Federal Highway Administration Florida Division), and state agencies (such as state Departments of Transportation).

The work involves managing multiple assignments and conflicting priorities while maintaining good customer service and meeting various deadlines

### **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs):**

- Expert knowledge of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (specifically the essential fish habitat provisions), the Endangered Species Act (specifically sections 7), and their operating procedures.
- Knowledge of coastal habitats and biota within the southeastern U.S.
- Ability to prioritize and organize responses to multiple inquiries for complex issues in a fast-paced environment of variable work.
- Ability to translate and apply scientific or technical information to non-technical audiences.

**Educational Qualifications:** There is a positive education requirement for this position. The qualification requirements in the Reassignment Opportunity Notice are based on the U.S. Office of Personnel Management Qualification Standards Handbook, which contains federal qualification standards. This handbook is available on the Office of Personnel Management's website located at: <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications>.

**Specialized Experience Statement:** Specialized Experience for this position includes:

- Evaluating individual and cumulative impact assessments for complex development projects;
- Applying habitat creation, restoration, and enhancement theory and techniques to development projects;
- Proficiency using computers, including the Internet, to prepare written reports, environmental assessments, and portions of impact statements in a clear, concise, and logical manner;
- Skill and temperament working cooperatively and productively with governmental and non-governmental entities to resolve conflicts and facilitate state-federal partnerships;
- Working in harsh and often difficult environments inherent in conducting field investigations within the coastal areas (the fieldwork may involve extended foot travel, boating, or riding in various vehicles to reach and inspect project sites).

**How to Apply:** E-mail your resume with a cover letter with a statement of interest, identification of the duty station you are applying for, and a brief description of your qualifications as they relate to this reassignment opportunity notice to: [Pace.Wilber@noaa.gov](mailto:Pace.Wilber@noaa.gov).

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**NOTE:** Any PII information should be sent using DOC's approved Accellion Secure File Transfer program – found at <https://sft2.doc.gov/>

**Additional Questions – Point of Contact:**

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